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Eastern Illinois University

FACULTY SENATE

December 4, 1984

PRESENT: Sutton, Coon, Searle, Stoughton, Stevens, Norberg, Nordin, Smith, Reed, Ozier, Sullivan, Miller, Heumann, Morice.

ABSENT: Perkins.

VISITORS: Samuel Taber, Dean of Student Academic Services; John Beacon, Director of Admissions; Joni Taylor (Eastern News); Michelle Long, student senator; Anita Luken, Paul Klatt, students.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Minutes from BOG meeting Oct. 25; CGS, Nov 20; COTE, Nov. 27; CAA, Nov. 28.
2. Agenda for Dec. 6 meeting of BOG.
3. BOG Executive Directors report for Dec. 6 meeting.
4. E.I.U. President's Report for the Dec. 6 BOG meeting.
5. From K. Sutton to the Office of Development, proposal for additional funding for the Distinguished Faculty Award.
6. From L. Janes, copy of correspondence to the Eastern News supporting President Rives' band decision.
7. From L. Coon, expression of the need for an update of data from collective bargaining representatives.
8. From L. Coon (phone), report of a planned change of space use in Old Main.

Norberg moved, seconded by Sullivan, that the minutes of November 20, 1984 be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Sullivan moved, seconded by Smith, that the minutes of November 27, 1984 be approved as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRECTIONS:

1. Old Business, Item 1: "examine the possibilities for such an increase" should be "explore the possible means for helping increase the summer school attendance."

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Declining Enrollment of Minority Students: Dean Tbaer reported that recruiters from Eastern have an intense and thorough coverage of the state of Illinois. Black recruiters from Eastern attempt to recruit in predominately black high schools and predominately black junior colleges. He pointed out that Eastern's success in recruitment of minority students is on par with institutions of a demographically similar makeup. He noted that recruiters emphasize Eastern's size,

its relatively low cost of tuition, room and board, and the high quality of its instruction as selling points to minority students. He cited lack of housing and inability to obtain financial aid as major reasons for the decline in minority enrollment. Apparently many minority students apply too late to obtain either campus or any form of satisfactory financial aid. Since Eastern does conduct articulation conferences with high school counselors, it will make special efforts to encourage counselors from predominately black high schools to attend. Dean Taber further noted that the university's Academic Support and Retention Committee is examining the decline in minority enrollment and will try to discover methods and procedures that will reverse the trend. A lengthy discussion followed.

2. Summer School: Ozier reported that she and Perkins had a brainstorming session and will request an appointment with Dr. Charles Switzer, Director of Summer School.

3. Distinguished Faculty Awards: Sutton reported that the sub-committee has drafted a proposal requesting an additional three thousand dollars.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Eastern's Annuitants' Association Meeting: Sutton reported that there is a bill before the legislature limiting the percentage of the retirement fund that a governor can "dip into." He noted that there is now a possibility that faculty raises may come out of this retirement fund -- an example of robbing Peter to pay for Peter, as he put it.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Miller moved, seconded by Norberg, to go into executive session. Motion passed unanimously. Norberg moved, seconded by Coon, to come out of executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Acting Coordinator of Faculty Development: Coon moved, seconded by Sullivan, that the chairperson of the Faculty Senate write a letter to President Rives, with copies to the VPAA and the Affirmative Action Director, expressing the Senate's desire that the proposed affirmative action recommendations for filling internal temporary or acting positions be followed in a search for Acting Coordinator of Faculty Development. Motion passed: 11 for; 1 abstain.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be at 2:00 p.m. in the Martinsville Room on December 11, 1984.

Secretary,

Bill Searle